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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

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	09/955,357	WARRINGTON, JANET A. ✓	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
	Mary K. Zeman	1631	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 03 January 2005.
 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-48 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
 6) Claim(s) 1-9, 13-21, 25-33 and 37-45 is/are rejected.
 7) Claim(s) 10-12, 22-24, 34-36 and 46-48 is/are objected to.
 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
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| | 6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ . |

DETAILED ACTION

The Art Unit location of your application in the USPTO has changed. To aid in correlating any papers for this application, all further correspondence regarding this application should be directed to Art Unit 1631, Examiner **Mary K Zeman**.

Claims 1-48 are pending in this application. The previously applied species election is withdrawn.

Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-48 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Duplicative claims

Applicant is advised that should claims 13-24 be found allowable, claims 25-37 will be objected to under 37 CFR 1.75 as being a substantial duplicate thereof. When two claims in an application are duplicates or else are so close in content that they both cover the same thing, despite a slight difference in wording, it is proper after allowing one claim to object to the other as being a substantial duplicate of the allowed claim. See MPEP § 706.03(k).

Both sets of claims are drawn to a computer readable media comprising software code operative to perform the same tasks. As such, they appear duplicative.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 1-9, 13-21, 25-33 and 37-45 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by CHEE (6,368,799)

The applied reference has a common ASSIGNEE with the instant application. Based upon the earlier effective U.S. filing date of the reference, it constitutes prior art under 35 U.S.C. 102(e). This rejection under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) might be overcome either by a showing under 37 CFR 1.132 that any invention disclosed but not claimed in the reference was derived from the inventor of this application and is thus not the invention “by another,” or by an appropriate showing under 37 CFR 1.131.

CHEE discloses methods of correlating expression levels of gene profiles with genotypes, and haplotypes. At columns 8-9, Chee discloses how polymorphisms are identified in populations or differing individuals, then the gene expression profiles are correlated with those genotypes. Up to 100,000 differing probes can be assessed (col 10). Chee discloses that these correlations can be performed by programmed computers, or systems. These systems comprise computer readable media, and software for carrying out the methods. As such, Chee anticipates the claimed invention. It is noted there are no inventors in common with the instant application.

Claims 1-5, 13-17, 24-29 and 37-41 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by FAN et al. (USP 6,525,185)

The applied reference has a common ASSIGNEE with the instant application. Based upon the earlier effective U.S. filing date of the reference, it constitutes prior art under 35 U.S.C. 102(e). This rejection under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) might be overcome either by a showing under 37 CFR 1.132 that any invention disclosed but not claimed in the reference was derived from the inventor of this application and is thus not the invention “by another,” or by an appropriate showing under 37 CFR 1.131.

FAN et al. Disclose methods of identifying polymorphisms in groups of individuals, and identifying genes that segregate with those types of individuals. At column 10, the two (or more) groups of individuals can be differing in a phenotype, disease, or genotype. Polymorphic alleles are analyzed to determine if they segregate with a trait, disease, or genotype. A polymorphism can be an SNP, and multiple SNP's comprise a haplotype. This patent sets forth at least 500 differing sequences which can be utilized. This patent also discloses computer systems, computer readable media and software for carrying out the method. As such, Fan anticipates the claimed invention. It is noted there are no inventors in common with the instant application.

Claims 1-5, 13-17, 24-29 and 37-41 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by FAN et al. (US 2003/0170699 A1)

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FAN et al. Disclose methods of identifying polymorphisms in groups of individuals, and identifying genes that segregate with those types of individuals. At pages 4-8 the two (or more) groups of individuals can be differing in a phenotype, disease, or genotype. Polymorphic alleles are analyzed to determine if they segregate with a trait, disease, or genotype. A polymorphism can be an SNP, and multiple SNP's comprise a haplotype. This patent sets forth at least 500 differing sequences which can be utilized. This patent also discloses computer systems, computer readable media and software for carrying out the method. As such, Fan anticipates the claimed invention. It is noted there are no inventors in common with the instant application.

Conclusion

Claims 1-9, 13-21, 25-33 and 37-45 are rejected.

Claims 10-12, 22-24, 34-36 and 46-48 are objected to as being dependent from a rejected claim. These claims appear to be free of the prior art.

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. The following are all assigned to Affymetrix and are related to genotyping, gene expression profiles and/or correlations thereof.

Zhou 2003/0198983 A1

Liu 2005/0009069 A1

Chiles 2004/0138821 A1.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Mary K Zeman whose telephone number is (571) 272 0723

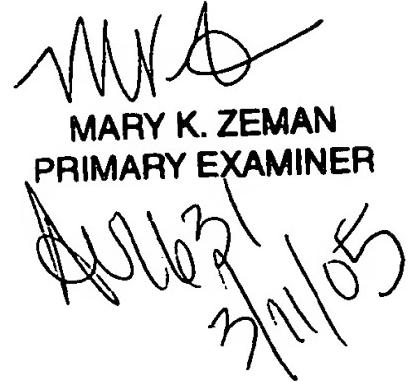
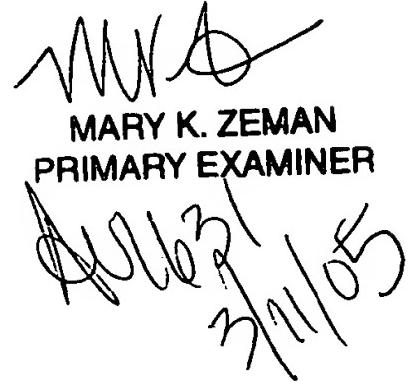
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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ardin Marschel, PhD can be reached on (571) 272 0718. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571 273 8300.

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